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SUBJ: MBFR: SPC MEETING OCTOBER 10: TRANSMISSION OF SPC DRAFT
PAPERS TO AHG

REF: MBFR VIENNA 284, PARA 9

1. AT OCTOBER 10 SPC MEETING, ACTING CHAIRMAN (PABSCH) SAID SYG REP IN VIENNA (COHEN) HAD REPORTED UNANIMOUS REQUEST FROM VIENNA THAT INTERNATIONAL STAFF TRANSMIT SPC DRAFT PAPERS TO AHG BY CABLE. HE SAID CANADIAN REP ON AHG HAD PROPOSED THIS, SUPPORTED BY ITALIAN AND UK REPS. MEMBERS OF AHG MADE THIS REQUEST BECAUSE FROM TIME TO TIME THEY SEE REFERENCES, IN CABLES FROM THEIR BRUSSELS DELEGATIONS, TO WORKING PAPERS WHICH THEY DON'T HAVE YET IN VIENNA.

2. FRG REP (RANTZAU) SAID HE THOUGHT HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD SUPPORT HIM IN NOT ACCEPTING THAT THE IS TRANSMIT SPC WORKING PAPERS TO VIENNA. THESE PAPERS OFTEN HAVE MANY BRACKETS AND CHANGE RAPIDLY.

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THEIR TRANSMISSION BY CABLE TO VIENNA WOULD OFFER NO BENEFIT, COULD CONFUSE THE AHG, AND DISRUPT THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS. THE NATO DELEGATIONS SHOULD KEEP THEIR NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES ON THE AHG INFORMED.

3. BELGIAN REP (BURNY) AGREED WITH FRG REP, AND SAID A QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE WAS AT STAKE.

4. CANADIAN REP (BARTLEMAN) SAID THAT HIS PERSONAL OPINION IS THAT THIS WAS A PERSONAL IDEA OF THE CANADIAN REP ON THE AHG. BARTLEMAN SAID HE AGREED WITH RAUTZA AND BURNY, ON A PERSONAL BASIS OF COURSE. ITALIAN (SFARA) AND TURKISH (GUR) REPS ALSO AGREED.

5. PABSCH NOTED THE CONSENSUS THAT THE IS NOT TRANSMIT THE SPC WORKING PAPERS TO VIENNA, AND THAT DELEGATIONS AT NATO KEEP

THEIR VIENNA RESPECTIVE DELEGATIONS INFORMED.MCAULIFFE

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